

SOCIETY REPORTS**CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.**

The California Academy of Medicine held its regular meeting on Monday evening, Jan. 23rd. The scientific program was as follows:

1. A Report and Exhibition of Border Line Cases, with demonstration of X-Ray plates. C. M. Cooper and Geo. L. Painter.

Discussed by Drs. Newton, Moffitt and Cooper.

2. Pure Food Lore for Physician and Patient. Prof. M. E. Jaffa.

The following were duly elected to membership: Drs. Gay, Meyer, Zinsser, Crawford, Rusk, Hoag, Eloesser, Lee and Schmitt.

Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

COOPER COLLEGE SCIENCE CLUB.

The regular meeting of the Cooper College Science Club was held on Wednesday, January 18, 1911, at 8:30 p. m. The scientific program was as follows:

1—A Case of Volkman's Ischaemic Contracture, by M. E. Rumwell. Discussed by Drs. Huntington, Stillman, McClenahan and Rumwell.

2—Three Cases of Late Congenital Syphilis of Viscera, by Wm. Fitch Cheney. Discussed by Drs. Cooper, McClenahan and Cheney.

3—A Case of Pleuro-Pericarditis with Obstruction of the Inferior Vena Cava, by W. R. P. Clark. Discussed by Dr. Cooper.

Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

COOPER COLLEGE SCIENCE CLUB.

The regular meeting of the Cooper College Science Club was held on February 6, 1911. The scientific program was as follows:

1—(a) A Case of Polycythemia with Splenomegaly.

(b) A Case of Alkaptonuria with Pigmentation of Skin and Cartilages. (Major P. M. Ashburn, United States Army.)

Discussed by Dr. W. C. Alvarez.

2—A Case of Cervical Adenitis with Medical and Surgical Treatment, with demonstration. (Ade-laide Brown, M. D.)

Discussed by Drs. Stillman, Winterberg, Sewall, Wilbur, Clark, Eloesser, Gray, Dickson, Brown.

3—Xanthelasma, with demonstration of cases. (G. H. Mize, M. D.)

Discussed by Drs. Morrow, Friedlander, Alderson, Ophuls, Alvarez, Stillman, Haas, Ashburn, Mize.

Meeting adjourned.

MONTEREY COUNTY.

At the annual meeting of the Monterey County Medical Society the following officers were elected for the year 1911:

Dr. T. C. Edwards, president; Dr. A. M. Ritchie, vice-president; Dr. H. T. Crabtree, secretary; Dr. John Parker, treasurer; Dr. H. B. Christiansen, censor; Dr. Garth Parker, delegate to State Society; Dr. W. A. Lillie, alternate.

The January meeting was held in Monterey. The February session will be at Salinas.

H. T. CRABTREE, Secretary.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

I herewith give you the names of the officers of the Santa Clara County Medical Society: President, Dr. Jonas Clark, San Jose; first vice-president, Dr. Wm. S. Van Dalsem, San Jose; second vice-president, Dr. Harry G. Reynolds, Palo Alto; third vice-president, Dr. Robert L. Hogg, Saratoga; secretary,

Dr. W. T. McNary, San Jose; treasurer, Dr. H. J. B. Wright, San Jose; councillors, Dr. J. J. Kocher, Dr. Newel H. Bullock, Dr. Chas. M. Richards; delegates to State Society, Dr. Lincoln Cochran, Dr. Henry C. Brown; alternates, Dr. L. V. Saph, Dr. M. D. Baker, Dr. J. L. Benepu, Dr. Edward Holbrook.

W. T. McNARY, Secretary.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

Resolutions of respect, adopted by the Santa Clara County Medical Society to the memory of Drs. Elizabeth Gallimore and G. F. Witter, members of this Society recently deceased:

Whereas, Within the last year we have lost from our number, by the hand of the Great Reaper, two of our most esteemed members; and

Whereas, We, the members of the Society, feel deeply the loss of our co-practitioners; therefore

Resolved, That we, the committee appointed by the president, do express the feeling of the Society; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved families, to the local press, the State Journal of Medicine, and a copy spread upon the minutes of the Society.

P. A. JORDAN,

J. W. PAUL,

Committee.

TULARE COUNTY ORGANIZED.

About twenty of the physicians of Tulare County, responding to an invitation sent out by the Secretary of the State Society and a personal letter from Dr. Austin Miller of Porterville, met at the Palace Hotel, Visalia, on the night of January 21st, and organized the Tulare County Medical Society. The Constitution and By-Laws recommended by the American Medical Association was adopted, and the following officers were then elected to serve for the year 1911: President, Dr. T. H. Blodget; vice-president, Dr. M. L. Petit; secretary-treasurer, Dr. F. L. Stallings. A number of physicians in the county, who could not be present at the meeting for organization, have sent in their names and expressed a desire to join the society, so that it starts out with something like thirty members. We certainly extend the best of good wishes to this newest of our component societies, and sincerely wish for it a long and a successful life.

BOOK REVIEWS

Three Contributions to the Sexual Theory. Sigmund Freud, LL. D., Vienna. Jour. of Nerv. and Ment. Dis. Monograph series No. 9, 91 pages.

This brief monograph, as the title signifies, deals with the sexual problem. It may be characterized, in fact, as an outline sketch of a new system of clinical psychology. Whether or no, therefore, one chooses to accept the author's doctrine, it is extremely interesting to follow the thread of his argument, if only to ascertain in what essential points he diverges from current beliefs.

It is a curious fact that the repressive faculties which normally relegate the sexual activities to a circumscribed sphere and stamp the individual with a certain seal of morality, naturally awaken both disgust and repugnance at the thought of permitting the mind to engage in such studies. It is for this reason, most likely, that the works of Havelock Ellis and Krafft-Ebing, instead of contributing to the information of the cultured classes, are to be found upon the shelves of every second-hand book shop, side by side with the cheap salacious literature which circulates in the under-world.

Brushing aside prejudice, Freud boldly sounds the depths of the great uncharted sea of sexuality which

everywhere lies hidden beneath the social fabric, and reveals laws of ebb and flow hitherto unsuspected. With the subtle judgment of a trained psychologist, moreover, he treats the subject with such consummate tact as never to weary the attention. He bears one swiftly forward on the current of his logic. One feels at once the impact of a magnetic and vigorous mind whose lance-pointed intuitions are ever controlled by sober judgment. Indeed, one cannot escape the impression that he holds a tremendously strong imagination in check whilst, with singular felicity of expression, he outlines the principles of his philosophy. These three brief essays, alone, sufficiently manifest his extraordinary acuteness of intellectual vision. It remains to be seen, however, to what extent his theories will gain acceptance.

His method is partly analytical, partly synthetic. His professed object is a reconstructive and analytical study of the psycho-neuroses. Perhaps the main thought may be stated by saying that just as in the reversed reactions of bio-chemistry we witness dissociation and reunion occurring in the same system, so, in the psycho-neuroses, there is a similar relation to primitive elements, which, latter, are to be sought in the sexual manifestations of infancy and early childhood. In other words, between the two states a more or less definite isomerism exists. The conception is brilliant and not without foundation. Like the mysteries of serum therapy, however, his theory draws us enticingly towards the unknown, only to emphasize at the last our utter dependence upon vitalism.

In these essays the author deals with general principles only. No account is given of his method of treatment. C. Q.

Diseases of the Anus, Rectum and Sigmoid. By Samuel T. Earle, M. D., Professor Emeritus of Diseases of the Rectum in the Baltimore Medical College. 476 pages with 152 illustrations. J. B. Lippincott Co., 1911.

This volume from the pen of Dr. S. T. Earle is bound to be of value to anyone interested in diseases of the anus, rectum and Sigmoid-Colon.

Almost since the inception of the American Proctologic Society Dr. Earle has been selected to review at each annual meeting the proctologic literature of the previous year. His accessibility to the Surgeon General's library at Washington has kept him in touch, and has made him familiar, with everything on the subject. One would therefore look to his book for the latest and best things gleaned from the field of proctology. And there is no disappointment, for throughout the book one can see, and marvels much at, the vast amount of literature that has been perused and edited by the author.

The opening chapter on the anatomy and physiology is brief but all sufficient. The illustrations of the fine dissections of Dr. Arthur Hebb, who has long been associated with Dr. Earle, are especially to be commended. A very good description of the inverted position for proctoscopic examination and treatment, as devised by Mathews and Hanes, will be found in the chapter on diagnosis and examination. To those who place much value on the use of spinal anesthesia in rectal surgery it will perhaps seem rather strange to read Dr. Earle's dictum that he cannot consistently recommend its use. The section on constipation is a very good one. While of necessity it cannot deal with the details to be found in such a book as Gant's latest work on Constipation, yet it will be of worth to the busy practitioner who above all desires multum in parvo.

Like most recent writers on this subject Earle advises that excision should supplant forcible dilatation, so much in vogue among the general surgeons, in all cases of chronic fissure in ano. It is with surprise that one notes the absence of any reference to Beck's method of treating fistulae with the injection of bismuth paste. This deserves mention even were

it only used as a diagnostic method in conjunction with the Roentgen rays. Earle's modification of the Whitehead operation, which does away with most of the objections urged against the latter is described at length in a well illustrated chapter. The illustrations of pathological growths are also all new and of much value.

Dr. Earle has drawn liberally upon, and very generously credited, the writings of the Fellows of the American Proctologic Society. After a labor of many months he has produced a volume that is an index of the scholarly attainments and professional skill of its author. It will be a welcome addition to the library of every specialist, and is a book that should be referred to with confidence by anyone who only occasionally needs its aid. A. J. Z.

Handbook of Electro-Therapeutics. By Wm. J. Dugan, M. D., Lecturer on Electro-Therapeutics in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; Physician-in-Charge of Electro-Therapeutic Department, Jefferson Hospital; Fellow of the American Electro-Therapeutic Association, etc. 242 pages; illustrated. F. A. Davis Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 1910.

This book contains a good deal of useful information for the student, but for the advanced worker is too general in its scope, and obviously a scientific grounding in electricity is taken for granted.

The author tries to cover too large a field, touching on all forms of electricity, magnetism, vibration and X-ray.

Special attention is paid to the explanation of the electrical apparatus to select and how to use it. The appendix discusses some of the latest thoughts on death by electricity and resuscitation of persons shocked by the electric current. The work as a whole can only be recommended as an elementary book. N. S.

NEW MEMBERS.

White, G. R., Auburn.
 Pearson, R., Sacramento.
 Gearhart, S. C., Challenge.
 Lantz, Viola, San Jose.
 Howell, H., San Jose.
 Posey, A. C., San Jose.
 Higgins, O. C., Porterville.
 Preston, A. W., Visalia.
 McLean, A. D., Exeter.
 Chilson, W. C., Tulare.
 Martin, L. A., Pt. Richmond.
 Okanogi, B., Fresno.
 Horstman, Elsa A., Los Angeles.
 Breed, L. M., Los Angeles.
 Ashby, R. H., Roseville, Calif.
 Sunburnt, W. I., Floriston, Cal.
 Burch, E. L., Raymond, Cal.
 Hilliard, C. G., Redlands, Cal.
 Hanvey, C. B. H., Oakland.
 Rossin, J. B., Tulare.
 Barber, S. A., Porterville.
 Bond, Hughes, Lindsay.
 Blackledge, L. N., Ora.
 Miller, Austin, Porterville.
 Fuller, R. N., Tulare.
 Beck, J. E., Tulare.
 Mix, P. A., Exeter.

RESIGNED.

Outwater, S. R., Riverside.
 Hewlings, Hester A., Address unknown.
 Grimes, W. V., Pacific Grove.
 Rankin, J. E., Gonzales.

DEATHS.

Rottanzi, T. A., San Francisco.
 Craig, L. A., San Francisco.
 Thrasher, C., San Francisco.